

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING - RIVERBOAT
OPEN SESSION
August 21, 2014
ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

NOTE: ITEMS IN **BOLDFACE PRINT** REFLECT OFFICIAL BOARD ACTIONS

On Thursday, August 21, 2014 a Regular Meeting - Riverboat of the Illinois Gaming Board ("Board") was held on the 5th floor at 160 N. LaSalle at the Michael J. Bilandic Building, Chicago, Illinois at 10:23 A.M. Present were the following: Chairman Aaron Jaffe, Members Maribeth Vander Weele, Michael Holewinski and Lee Gould.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Open Session

Member Gould moved that **the Board approve the open session minutes of its Regular Meeting of July 24, 2014.** Member Vander Weele seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY –

- Ms. Anita Bedell – Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems

Ms. Bedell read the following statement:

In May, the Nevada Gaming Control Board told its license holders that they cannot participate in Nevada's medical marijuana business unless and until the federal government legalizes it. I e-mailed a copy of the notice the Gaming Control board sent to licensees to mark Ostrowski and asked him to share it with the Illinois Gaming Board.

Nevada is considered the "gold standard" for regulation of gambling, and their "Board believes that any such investment or involvement by gaming licensees or applicants would tend to reflect discredit upon gaming in the State."

Marijuana was legalized as medicine in Illinois in 2013, however, marijuana is still in violation of federal law. The applications for those seeking a license to grow medical marijuana in cultivation centers or a license to sell it in a medical marijuana dispensary are expected to be available in September. The number of medical marijuana dispensaries is currently set at 60, with one cultivation center in each of the 21 State Police Districts.

The seeking a license have started companies and are working to secure locations and asking for recommendations from local officials now so they will have a "leg up" on the competition for these lucrative licenses.

The *Southern* Illinois newspaper reported Jack Lavin, former chief of staff for Governor Quinn, signed on with a newly formed Effingham-based company, Healthcentral LLC, to compete for

one of the medical marijuana growing operations in Illinois. According to the newspaper, the company lists Effingham attorney Matthew Hortenstine and Springfield lobbyist Christopher Stone as its principals. (May 18, 2014) Mr. Hortenstine is President/manager and Mr. Stone is Vice-President/Treasurer/manager of Lucy's Place, a video gambling establishment.

The *State Journal-Register* reported that Mr. Stone is working with a group of investors who are eyeing a specific location in Springfield for a dispensary. Mr. Stone is working with investors, who plan to submit applications for two other dispensaries and three cultivation centers across the state. (August 16, 2014)

Are other holders of an Illinois Gaming license doing the same? While the Illinois Legislature has legalized marijuana as medicine, the Controlled Substances Act makes it illegal under federal law to manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess marijuana. We ask that the Board follow the lead of the Nevada Gaming Control Board and issue a notice to holders of an Illinois Gaming license than any investment or other involvement in the medical marijuana business or application process if prohibited.

OWNER LICENSEE ITEMS:

- The Alton Gaming Company d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton – Patrick R. Murray – Level One

Based on staff's investigation, **Member Holewinski** moved to approve Patrick R. Murray as a Level One Occupational Licensee at The Alton Gaming Company d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton in his position as Internal Audit Manager. Member Vander Weele seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS:

- Ditronics Financial Services LLC – License Renewal

Based on staff's investigation, **Member Vander Weele** moved to renew the Supplier License of Ditronics Financial Services LLC effective August 21, 2014 for a period of four years, expiring in August 2018, and designate the following persons and positions as Key Persons: George James Vasilakos, George Steven Vasilakos, President and Chief Executive Officer. Further, I move Ditronics be approved to supply the products as outlined in its approval letter. Member Gould seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. – Constance K. James – Key Person

Based on staff's investigation, **Member Gould** moved to approve Constance K. James as a Key Person of Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. in her roles as President, CFO, Secretary, Treasurer and Director. Member Vander Weele seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- WMS Gaming Inc. – William Huntley – Key Person

Based on staff's investigation, **Member Holewinski** moved to approve William Huntley as a Key Person of WMS Gaming Inc. in his role as Executive Vice President and Group Chief Executive of Gaming for Scientific Games Corporation. Member Gould seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- Bally Gaming, Inc. – Richard M. Haddrill – Key Person

Based on staff's investigation, **Member Vander Weele** move to approve Richard M. Haddrill as a Key Person of Bally Gaming, Inc. in his role as Chief Executive Officer/Director. Member Gould seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

- Gemaco, Inc. – Surrender of License

Member Gould moved to allow Gemaco, Inc. to surrender its Supplier's License effective August 21, 2014. Member Vander Weele seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS:

Based on staff's investigation, **Member Holewinski** moved to find suitable and approve 65 level 2 occupational licenses, and 109 level 3 occupational licenses. Member Vander Weele seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

Based on staff's investigation, **Member Vander Weele** moved to issue Disciplinary Complaints to revoke the occupational licenses of Dontell Jamal Porter and Griselda Mata for their conduct involving theft, said actions to take effect 21 days from the dates of service of the Complaints unless the licensees file Answers within that time period. Member Vander Gould seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS FOR HEARING:

- In Re: the Disciplinary Action of Betty Alm: DC-14-03

Pursuant to Board Rule 1155, **Member Gould** move to adopt a Final Board Order, adopting the Administrative Law Judge's Order Pursuant to Gaming Board's Motion for Summary Judgment and Revoking the occupational license held by Betty Alm. Member Vander Weele seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:38 A.M. Member Holewinski motioned to adjourn and Member Gould seconded the motion. All Members voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Boruta
Secretary to the Administrator